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I am vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in Texas.

Our school's classrooms have more students in them than they should. Therefore, each student does not have the individual attention that they deserve.

Our school has one counselor who has to divided her time between the high school and the junior high school. She is not always there when needed. Especially for the Seniors who are planning on furthering their education.

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Sanger High School Student

STATEMENT OF AMICUS CURIAE, Felicia Adkins

l am very concerened about our education in Texas. I am an invovied senior at Sanger High School . I've heen involved with extra curricular activities throughout high school. I've competed against and played with students from michem school districts. Coming from a poor district I have watched all the larger and richer schools go farther and do more than smaller and poorer schools. I know that money can't buy a first place any UIL or school related competition, but the students from these schools have more pride for their schools and themselves. When a student has pride in its school and the school has pride in its students, it makes the students worker marder to be the best. I feel that many people that have graduated from Sanger or any small school or district, or will graduate has been cheated. We haven't had proper facilities or I hate to say but we haven't had the best of qualified teachers all though we do have some. I feet that if you hire an English teacher then they should teach that subject not just put them where some is needed or if you hire a football coach don't put with baskethall put him with football. It's sad that Texas' Legislature and Governor doesn't support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds.

Another major need not just in Sanger but in many small towns or boomer districts is the need for larger schools to hold the steady increasing enrollment and facilities that are well equipped and officel size such as gyms, football fields and tracks. But the most important is our teaching staff. Sanger has had to cut its staff and the staff that we do have got a cut in their pay. I feel that there is one officel that can't be cut and that is the counselor. We have one counselor for two schools which is about 600 students. It impossible to have one counselor be at both buildings for the students all throughout the school day.

More money is need now for poorer schools to meet the educational inallenges of the richer schools. The longer the delay the worse the schools can get and then it will cost more to repair or replace.

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Statement of anicus Curiae, Jami Greenville you that I have become informed of the ability & have to adknowledge my consern of the determination of our school systems_ Eur schools do not have adequate soom for the number of students, therefore postable buildings were added, because of this time is wasted with students settling into these, buildings and valuable study time is wasted. There are not enough teachers in each department and students are being cheated on the dearning extention Those money is needed by our school district and other shool systems with similar problem. I authorize or attorney selected by the Equity Center to incorporate this statement is an assicus Brief on my behalf exporting Petitioners and Personer - Entervenors in the Edgewood case. . Thank you,

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I am vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in Texas.

Our schools cannot compete on equal terms with students whose school districts have greater financial resources. Also, our student's ability to succeed economically is impaired by inadequate educational opportunities.

Our schools also have limited specialized personnel such as counselors. We have only two counselors for all four schools: Sanger Elementary, Intermediate, Middle, and High School.

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Christi Norton Sanger High School Student

STATEMENT OF AMICUS CURIAE, Sarah Gardner

I am a Senior at Sanger High School and I am concerned with the lack of money available to be spent on our schools; as well as, how that effects us as students.

Due to the lack of money in our district, our schools are in bad shape. Our roofs leak, our football field is in horrible shape, and there are not enough classrooms to accommodate all of the students. Furthermore, there is a lack of specialized personal, such as counselors. There is one counselor that takes care of both the High school and the Middle School. Whenever the counselor is needed, she is not always available, because of her many responsibilities.

As students, all of these things effect our school spirit. We are unable to feel proud about our school; moreover, this effects our ability to compete with other schools. Overall, the only way to tackle the many problems in the Sanger School District is with more money.

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Our schools' budget has been cut in almost all areas. The high school building needs to be rebuilt. The roof leaks and we need more room for lockers and equipment. As it now stands just the maintenance has been cut by \$50,000. So obviously a new school is impossible. More staff is needed but already 2 teachers, 3 part-time custodians and 2 cooks have been cut. Ninety-three other employees' salaries have been frozen. Extracurricular activity has been cut. And local taxes have been raised by 2.9%. Still, the Sanger Independent School District projects a \$110,000 deficit for the current school year.

If this is allowed to continue there will almost certainly be further damage to the district and the education of the students of Sanger ISD.

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TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

Now come the Kindergarten Class of Sanger ISD, Sanger, Texas and submit the following statements in support of the ruling of the Honorable Harley Clark, Judge - 250th Judicial District, Travis County, in Cause Number 362,516.

The undersigned has been requested to submit these statements to the Court. The undersigned does not represent any party and has no monetary interest in the outcome of the litigation. The statements presented are from individuals

who have a substantial interest in preserving the State's ability to provide equitable public education to its citizens.

Accordingly, the Kindergarten Class of Sanger ISD, Sanger, Texas respectfully pray that this Court consider the attached statements (Volume III) and uphold the decision of the trial court in the case at bar.

Respectfully submitted, ARNOLD AND NICOLAS 800 One Capitol Square 300 West Fifteenth Street Austin, Texas 78701 512-320-5200

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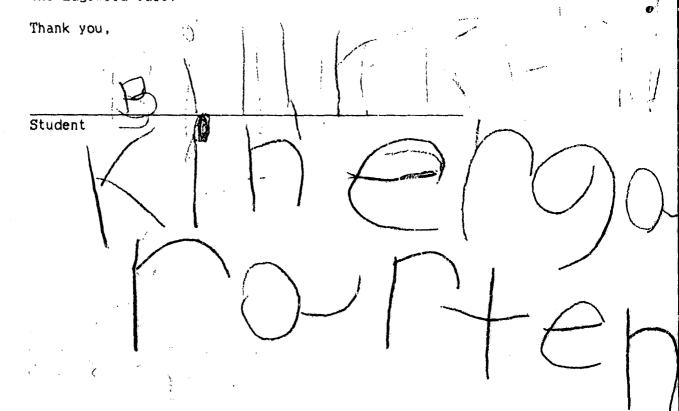
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